

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
ON SPORTS COOPERATION
BETWEEN
THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE
OF THE REPUBLIC OF FINLAND
AND
THE GENERAL ADMINISTRATION OF SPORT
OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA**

With a view to developing sports exchange and cooperation, and promoting the mutual understanding and traditional friendship between the peoples of the Republic of Finland and the People's Republic of China, the Ministry of Education and Culture of the Republic of Finland and the General Administration of Sport of the People's Republic of China (hereinafter referred to as "the Signatories") have reached the following understanding:

PARAGRAPH I

The Signatories consider that the conclusion of this Memorandum of Understanding will contribute to the promotion of cooperative relationship, mutual understanding and friendship among the athletes and peoples of the two countries. The Signatories will endeavor to develop sports exchange and cooperation on the basis of mutual respect, equality and mutual benefit.

PARAGRAPH II

The leaders of the Signatories will keep in contact and exchange views on bilateral sports exchange and international sports affairs of common concern.

PARAGRAPH III

The Signatories encourage their sports organizations to coordinate their stand, strengthen cooperation and promote equal possibilities on international sports affairs.

PARAGRAPH IV

The Signatories decide to mutually support each other on organizing and participating in major sport events including the Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games Beijing 2022.

PARAGRAPH V

The Signatories will encourage their athletes to participate in international sports competitions to be held in each other's countries, as well as their national sports organisations to establish direct links to strengthen exchange and cooperation. The details will be decided through direct consultation by national sports organisations.

PARAGRAPH VI

The Signatories will encourage exchange and cooperation between sports specialists in the fields of competitive sports, sports industry, sports for all, sports science and medicine. The Signatories will encourage children and youth to participate sport for all activities.

PARAGRAPH VII

The Signatories will encourage and develop sports tourism together with relevant institutions. The Signatories will promote cooperation in the field of sport technology, sustainable and energy efficient sport venue building especially in winter sports.

PARAGRAPH VIII

The Signatories conclude that it is necessary to strengthen transparency

and the cooperation in the fight against doping and other unsportsmanlike behaviors in the field of sports.

PARAGRAPH IX

The Signatories will encourage the cooperation on training of coaches and sending coaches to the other Signatory for coaching. The financial terms will be decided through consultation by the relevant institutions.

PARAGRAPH X

This Memorandum of Understanding will come into effect on the date of signing and be valid for a period of four years. This Memorandum of Understanding will be monitored annually by the Joint Committee of Finland-China Sport Cooperation. The terms of this Memorandum of Understanding will be extended automatically once for the same period unless either Signatory sends a written notice to the other Signatory, six months prior to the expiry of this Memorandum of Understanding, expressing its intention to terminate it.

This Memorandum of Understanding is signed on 7 December 2020 in duplicate in English and Chinese languages, each text being equally authentic.

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